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The Honorable Steve Scalise
Vice Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2338 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 4795, the Promoting New Manufacturing Act

Dear Vice Chairman Scalise:

On behalf of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA), we support passage of H.R. 4795, the Promoting New Manufacturing Act. As America's energy-intensive trade-exposed (EITE) industries which consume over 80 percent of the energy of the entire manufacturing sector, and the industries investing over \$100 billion in new facilities nationwide, we recognize the importance of improving the permitting process. The permitting process is antiquated, time consuming, expensive, and fails to meet the challenges faced today by U.S. industry who are in fierce competition with global competitors. H.R. 4795 will make EPA accountable to improve the permitting process.

H.R. 4795 is timely given the opportunity to create jobs through manufacturing investment. EPA should maintain the basic building blocks of the Clean Air Act implementation and guidance in a way which would provide industry with tools and certainty needed to make large investments that can meet increasingly stringent environmental standards. Reducing permitting delays, increasing transparency in timelines, and promoting efficiency in the permitting process through an annual report to Congress submitted by the EPA, will go a long way in keeping the manufacturing sector competitive.

Thank you for your leadership on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Cicio
President

cc: House Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America is a nonpartisan association of leading manufacturing companies with \$1.0 trillion in annual sales, over 1,500 facilities nationwide, and with more than 1.4 million employees worldwide. It is an organization created to promote the interests of manufacturing companies through advocacy and collaboration for which the availability, use and cost of energy, power or feedstock play a significant role in their ability to compete in domestic and world markets. IECA membership represents a diverse set of industries including: chemical, plastics, steel, iron ore, aluminum, paper, food processing, fertilizer, insulation, glass, industrial gases, pharmaceutical, building products, brewing, independent oil refining, and cement.